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This is to clarify that the above-referenced application was intended to be filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b). The application papers inadvertently were prepared as a national phase entry of International Application No. PCT/JP2005/014361. However, page 1 of the specification makes clear the that application is intended to be a continuation of International Application No. PCT/JP2005/014361, filed July 29, 2005, which claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-225510, filed August 2, 2004. Accordingly, under MPEP § 1893.03(a), this application should be treated as a continuation application since the application contains conflicting instructions.

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Applicants respectfully request that this application be entered as, or converted to, a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b).

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